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In re Application
BERNA, Philippe et al
Serial No. 08/321,589
Filed: Oct. 12, 1994
For: PROCESS FOR MAKING A
VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE
DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS
WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH
A DEVICE AND ITS USE

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Molières-sur-Cèze, France
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please before any action, amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 1-14 in amended form and insert new claims 15-18:

E. 1-14
1. (four times amended) The method of making a multipurpose device for holding objects by clamping without damaging them comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a cylindrical support part [, such as a rod or a tube,] with a section circular or not,
- b) placing on said support part [at least] two [movable and removable] arms of which one at least is movable, that is to say can slide along said support part [and be turned around it into at least one direction and which can be easily slipped off said support part and onto it again],
- c) securing to [fitting out] at least one of said two [the movable] arms at a single distance from said support part with one substantially elastic buffer having a contact face which is essentially at a right angle to said support part and under which the thickness is large enough so that said buffer could act as a compression spring.

2. (four times amended) A multipurpose device for holding objects by clamping without damaging them, comprising:

- a cylindrical support part [, such as a rod or a tube,] with a section circular or not,
- [at least] two [movable and removable] arms of which one at least is movable, that is to say can slide along said support part [and be turned around it into at least one direction and which can be easily slipped outwards thereof off said support part and onto it again],
- and [at least] one substantially elastic buffer secured to at least one of [the] said two arms at a single distance from said support part, said buffer